Pakistan Sponsored Terrorism in India

1020. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States Administration and other countries indicated their intention of declaring Pakistan as a terrorist country; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to bring the facts regarding active sponsorship of terrorism by Pakistan in India to the notice of all the UN Member countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) the US Government have deferred a decision to name Pakistan as a State sponsor of terrorism but has announed that they will closely monitor the situation in this regard. Government have and will continue to apprise the international community of the factual position regarding Pakistan's involvement with terrorism directed against India. There is growing international concern at the support that the terrorists receive in Pakistan.

Diplomatic relations of India and Germany

1021. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of agreements reached between India and Germany during the recent visit of Chancellor of Germany and his Government team;

(b) what are the details of the fields of joint activities identified by both the countries;

(c) whether Government would initiate a concrete action to resolve various disputes pending between some German based firms and some Indian companies as may be pending with Indian Embassy in Germany;

(d) whether diplomatic relations will be further improved; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Two financial protocols were concluded with the German Development Bank (KFW). These protocols provide for:

(i) Credits totalling DM 55 million for lift irrigation programme in Orissa to be implemented by the Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation; and

(ii) a sum totalling DM 30 million offered as a credit line to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd. (ICICI).

(b) It was agreed to strengthen bilateral economic relations in the areas of investment, technology transfer and trade. It was also agreed to increase bilateral cooperation and interaction in the political, scientific, educational, cultural, and information fields.

(c) Disputes of a commercial nature are basically for the parties concerned to resolve directly, between themselves. However, government invariably take such step as may be necessary to facilities the emicable resolution of such disputes.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Chancellor Kohl's visit will serve to further consolidate and strengthen the already existing friendly relations between India and Germany in various fields, in particular, the visit is likely to give an impetus to our commercial and economic relations, including German investments in India.